

Town of Northborough
Wind Turbine Committee (WTC)



June 9, 2010
Wind Turbine Committee Meeting
Conference Room 1st floor, Northborough Free Library
34 Main Street
Northborough, MA 01532

Reference:NWC10:12MM

Meeting Minutes

Attendees

<u>Members</u>	<u>Alternates</u>	<u>Advisor</u>
R. Giles (Co Chair)	M. Harling	D Maily
W. Halter		
R. Jones		
R. Parker		

Town of Northborough Officials

N/A

Guests

N/A

7:00 PM Northborough Wind Turbine Committee (WTC) called to order

1. The meeting began with a welcome by the co-chairman, introductions around the table, and acceptance of the May 26th meeting minutes.
2. The Wind Turbine technical information binder will continue to be routed through the group. All reviewers agreed the tech data was helpful. R. Melville currently has the binder for review.
3. Met Tower installation presently scheduled for mid-July 2010.
4. Committee reviewed the Net Metering Response received by M. Harling from Gerry Bingham, Senior Coordinator, Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources. There is some concern whether we will be within the 1% National Grid Peak Use limit. R. Jones to prepare an inquiry to SED describing the concern and timing.
5. Individuals are needed to complete the 501C application for “Friends of the Wind Turbine” and establish the non-profit corp.
6. M. Harling reported the committee needs to purchase table space for the fall Applefest celebration. There were also suggestions to raise awareness – purchase of whirly-gigs/pin wheels, brochures/handouts etc.
7. R. Jones provided tech data on sound measurements including audio and infrasound issues.

8. Latest progress on the composite Town Electric bills was provided. Total annual cost may be closer to \$800,000. After a detailed review of the high school information provided by M. Gorman, a meeting will be scheduled with F. Litchfield and K. Hood to review the municipal costs (fire, town hall, police, DPW)

From May 12th meeting notes:

9. M. Harling recommended that both US Senators Kerry and Brown be advised of the WTC activities and objectives.
10. Once a date for the met tower erection is determined, WG-4 will need to schedule video taping, participant notifications, photo-ops, community updates, etc.

Monthly Look Ahead (Jun thru Dec 2010) – Critical Action Items

1. Install the meteorological tower and initiate data collection
Responsibility – Co-Chairs/Town Engineer
2. Continue project financial analysis
Responsibility – Working Group #2
3. Consider development of a public out reach plan
Responsibility – Working Group #4
4. Investigate Federal, State and Town permit and licensing requirements
Prepare a Policies and Procedures Binder
Briefing for Town Department Heads
Responsibility – Working Group #5

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:25PM.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 23, 2010 at 7:00PM in the Northborough Library conference room.

R. Jones
WTC Member

cc: Town Clerk,
Town Administrator,
Fran Bakstran (BOS) - Liaison Board of Selectmen

WIND TURBINE COMMITTEE:

Fred Litchfield (Town Engineer)
Joe McNamara (Co-Chairman)
Bob Giles (Co-Chairman)
Edward Cahill
William Halter
Richard Jones (Planning & Logistics)
Richard Kane
Ron Parker

ADVISORY GROUP:

Phil Johnson (Chair person)
Len Belli
Richard H Burton
Ravi Chilakamari
Dave R. Mailly
Raj Melville
William O'Toole
Richard Sweeney

ALTERNATES:

Maggie Harling
John Cragin